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1. Enrique Gil Gilbert recently stated that the Communist Party of Ecuador would probably be forced to operate clandestinely after Calo Plaza assumed office. At a secret meeting called for the purpose of orienting cell leaders concerning the possibility of clandestine activity, he told them that a plan had been formulated which included details regarding the exact dates, times, and places of future secret Communist meetings in Guayaquil. This plan was being completed, but would not be available to local members until after it had been approved by the Central Committee in Quito.
2. Pedro Saad, Enrique Gil Gilbert, and Franklin Perez Castro, Communist leaders in Guayaquil, are reported to be attempting to purchase a printing press, which would enable them to publish Party propaganda regularly. They have apparently been unable to secure it, although they reportedly stated that they had a sum of 60,000 sucres*at their disposal. The present facilities are considered to be insufficient since they consist of a small, manually-operated press, which cannot be used for much more than the printing of occasional handbills.

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Comment: *This sum is either exaggerated, or else it is believed that the Communists are receiving money from sources outside the country, since local contributions and other normal sources would not account for it.

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